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In re the application of  
Masayuki CHATANI

U.S. Serial No. 09/452,811

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING CUSTOMER ELECTION OF  
AUXILIARY CONTENT PROVIDED ON A DETACHABLE LOCAL STORAGE  
MEDIA DURING ACCESS OF PRIMARY CONTENT OVER A NETWORK AND  
FOR COLLECTING DATA CONCERNING VIEWED AUXILIARY CONTENT

DECLARATION OF ANDREW JAMES HOUSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Andrew James House, a co-inventor in the above-  
identified application, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am familiar with the subject matter described in U.S.  
Patent Application No. 09/452,811 and participated in the  
conception and reduction to practice of a portion the invention  
described in the present application.

2. I am a co-inventor of certain subject matter set forth  
in claims 27-41 of the present application, as added in the  
Preliminary Amendment submitted on April 6, 2001, and in  
particular my contribution involved technical content directed to  
assessing a fee when viewing content as set forth in these claims.

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3. The subject matter of claims 27-41, although discussed in the present specification, was not specifically claimed at the time of filing the present application. However, upon further consideration, it was decided that the subject matter relating to assessing a fee is also deserving of patent protection.

4. Therefore, the addition of myself as an inventor in the present application was necessitated by an amendment to the claims and the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

By   
Andrew James House

Date: 5/3/01